shall immediately be committed to prison Moreover for avoiding of these unlawful assemblies, no plays may be used at the Theatre, Curtain or other usual places, nor any other sort of unlawful or forbidden pastime that draws together the baser sort of people from henceforth until the Feast of St Michael

26th June SIR JOHN PERROT CONDEMNED

Sir John Perrot, that was found guilty of high treason on 27th April, appeared to-day before the Commissioners for judgment He was brought in a coach from the Tower to the Old Swan, thence conveyed by water to Westminster Bridge where he landed and so into Westminster Hall between 8 and 9 in the morning He was accompanied by Mr Blunt and Mr Cooke, son and son-in-law to the Lieutenant of the Tower, and strongly guarded by divers of the yeomen of the guard with halberds and the Lieutenant's men all round him In this fashion he was brought to the Queen's Bench bar where he stood for a quarter of an hour waiting for the Commissioners He was clothed in a doublet and hose of plain black satin and a gown of wrought velvet furred, with a plain white ruff and wearing a square, or flat crowned, black felt hat with a small band , and he carried a carnation in his hand

The Commissioners having taken their places, Sergeant Snagg for the Queen prayed that judgment might be given Then the Clerk of the Court asked Sir John whether he had anything to say why judgment to die should not be given

Sir John made protestation of his innocence in a speech of about a quarter of an hour m which he complained very bitterly of the hard and false dealings of the witnesses against him. He said that he knew of her Majesty's mercy which proceeded from

the providence of God, who knew his innocence and so stayed him so long from judgment. Whereupon the Lord Chamberlain, conceiving his meaning to be that the Queen had deferred judgment being persuaded of his innocency, interrupted his speech and declared that he had received more favour than any traitor he ever saw But Sir John prayed the Lord Chamberlain not to misconstrue his meaning

Mr Attorney Egerton now stood up, and directing his speech to the Commissioners urged that Sir John Perrot by protesting